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January 31, 2011

Mr. David Glatt
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

Enclosed is a CD containing the application for Revision No. 27 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 held by North American Coal Corporation for the Falkirk Mine. This revision updates the permit for the next 5-year permit term and identifies the coal removal subarea that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term. The revision includes updates to the operations and reclamation plans, procedures and schedules and post mining land uses. Also enclosed is a CD containing a copy of Falkirk Mine's stand-alone hydrology information document entitled Ground Water Hydrology of the Underwood Coal Field. Most sections of the Ground Water Hydrology document are being updated by Falkirk with this revision.

Please review those portions of the revision application within your areas of responsibility and provide us with comments by February 28, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
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